

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

STATE HISTORIC SITE

Cannons boom. Muskets bark. Interpretive rangers in 17th century dress tend heirloom crops. They're all part of Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site. Here a group of English settlers landed in 1670 and established what would become the birthplace of the Carolina colony, the plantation system of the American South, and one of the continent's first major port cities. And here the story is still told.

Opened in 1970 as Charles Towne Landing State Park, the peaceful park on a marshy point off the Ashley River was rebuilt in 2006 with a sharpened focus on the site's remarkable past. Begin with the 12-room, interactive museum in the Visitors Center. Then become a virtual archaeologist at the "digital dig", and walk the self-guided history trail, using the MP3 players that add an audio tour to the experience.

And leave time for the Animal Forest natural habitat zoo and 80 acres of gardens that includes an elegant live oak alle' and the Legare-Waring House, one of Charleston's favorite sites for weddings and other gatherings.



Designation: Listed on the National Register

Counties: Charleston

Acreage: 664

Pets: Pets are allowed in most outdoor areas provided they are kept on a leash not longer than six feet. Pets are not permitted in the Animal Forest

Admissions: \$7.50/adult; \$3.75/S.C. Senior(age 65+); \$3.50/youth age 6-15; Free for children 5 and younger.

Tour and Program Information: Watch archaeologists at work rediscovering the past of South Carolina's birthplace. Visit a natural habitat zoo that is home to animal species that were indigenous to Carolina at the time of the settlement such as Bison, Black Bear, Puma, Elk, Otter and more. Enjoy costumed interpreters and rangers as they recreate settlement life and activities with interactive programming.

The Adventure: Climb aboard the Adventure, a 17th-century, replica trading ship that is docked at the

park. Listen to stories of how early colonists used the seas for trade, and explore below deck to see how the sailors lived.

Driving Directions: From I-26 E: Take Cosgrove Road exit 216A onto Hwy. 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd.) bear left onto Hwy. 171 (Old Town Rd.) Follow signs for Charles Towne Landing. The park is on the left at a traffic light.

GPS Coordinates: Long: 79° 59' 43.09"W , Lat: 32° 48' 37.34"N

Park Facilities and Activities:

Interpretive trails (paved and unpaved)

Park Store/Gift Shop

Picnic Area

Strollers and wheelchairs are available free of charge.



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Office Hours: 9am-5pm

Park Hours: M-Su 9am-5pm